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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Pennsylvania during February 2006 totaled 860 million pounds, 8.2 percent above last February's production of 795 million pounds. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 555,000 head, down 2,000 from January 2006 and down 5,000 from February 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,550 pounds in February, 100 pounds less than January's production per cow of 1,650 pounds and 130 pounds more than February 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during February 2006 totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 5.9 percent compared to production in these same states during February 2005. January production, at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 5.5 percent from January 2005. Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,588 pounds for February, 66 pounds above February 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.21 million head, 121,000 head more than February 2005 and 10,000 head more than January 2006.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

United States' butter production was 145 million pounds, 13.1 percent above January 2005 and 15.3 percent above December 2005. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 764 million pounds, 1.3 percent above January 2005 but 3.4 percent below December 2005. Italian type cheese production totaled 328 million pounds, up 3.4 percent from January 2005 but 2.0 percent below December 2005. American type cheese production totaled 317 million pounds, 1.5 percent below January 2005 and 2.4 percent below December 2005. Frozen desserts (comparisons with January 2005): ice cream, regular (hard) -- 61.2 million gallons, up 1.3 percent; ice cream, lowfat (total) -- 25.5 million gallons, down 5.8 percent; ice cream, nonfat (hard) -- 1.35 million gallons, up 15.7 percent; sherbet (hard) -- 3.86 million gallons, down 8.0 percent; frozen yogurt (total) -- 4.02 million gallons, down 6.6 percent

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Products	Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006
000 Lbs.			
PENNSYLVANIA			
Butter	6,509	6,924	7,930
Ice Cream	2,807	2,835	1,933
UNITED STATES			
Butter	128,653	126,167	145,477
Cheese:			
American Types	322,188	325,024	317,278
Swiss	23,293	26,825	26,199
Brick and Muenster	5,648	8,595	8,119
Cream and Neufchatel	48,738	63,865	54,341
Mozzarella	251,399	267,131	259,676
Other Italian	65,790	67,591	68,229
Total Italian Types	317,189	334,722	327,905
All Other	24,920	18,022	17,308
Total	754,684	791,287	764,259
NF Dry Milk, Human	93,775	103,125	102,409
Yogurt, Plain & Flavored	223,206	216,334	251,663
000 Gal.			
FROZEN PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream, Hard	60,440	55,565	61,211
Ice Cream, Lowfat	27,079	23,043	25,505
Ice Cream, Nonfat	1,164	1,182	1,347
Sherbet, Hard	4,194	3,413	3,859
Frozen Yogurt, Total	4,299	4,366	4,015
MIX FOR PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream Mix	34,919	30,014	34,213
Ice Cream Mix, Lowfat	15,001	12,711	14,088
Ice Cream Mix, Nonfat	859	903	875
Sherbet Mix	2,662	2,437	2,944
Yogurt Mix	2,529	2,568	2,362

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milk Cows	Thous.	560	557	555	8,084	8,195	8,205
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,420	1,650	1,550	1,522	1,710	1,588
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	795	919	860	12,301	14,014	13,029

Pennsylvania: Oats - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2005 ¹

County & District	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Value of Production ²
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Adams	600	400	49	19,600	
Armstrong	3,400	3,100	46	142,700	
Beaver	2,100	1,900	46	87,400	
Bedford	3,400	2,400	49	117,600	
Berks	3,100	1,300	58	75,400	
Blair	900	600	62	37,200	
Bradford	3,000	1,500	51	76,500	
Bucks	1,300	500	54	27,000	
Butler	5,000	4,900	56	274,400	
Cambria	7,100	6,500	56	363,900	
Carbon	1,100	900	54	48,600	
Centre	3,000	2,300	59	135,700	
Chester	1,200	400	61	24,400	
Clarion	3,800	3,700	47	173,900	
Clearfield	1,900	1,300	49	63,700	
Clinton	500	300	63	18,900	
Columbia	3,000	2,600	55	143,000	
Crawford	6,900	4,900	51	249,900	
Cumberland	2,000	1,700	51	86,700	
Dauphin	1,900	1,500	56	84,000	
Elk	400	300	53	15,900	
Erie	4,000	3,500	49	171,500	
Fayette	1,600	1,200	54	64,800	
Forest	300	200	47	9,400	
Franklin	1,600	900	56	50,400	
Fulton	1,400	1,100	52	57,200	
Huntingdon	1,700	1,200	54	64,800	
Indiana	5,900	5,500	55	302,500	
Jefferson	2,300	2,000	55	110,000	
Juniata	1,700	1,300	55	71,500	
Lancaster	1,400	500	63	31,500	
Lawrence	3,600	2,900	59	171,100	
Lebanon	800	500	57	28,500	
Lehigh	2,100	1,900	58	110,200	
Luzerne	2,200	1,600	52	83,200	
Lycoming	3,800	3,100	57	176,700	
McKean	400	200	57	11,400	
Mercer	6,500	5,300	58	307,300	
Mifflin	2,000	1,200	57	68,400	
Monroe	1,000	800	56	44,800	
Montgomery	600	300	64	19,200	
Montour	1,100	1,000	57	57,000	
Northampton	1,900	1,500	59	88,500	
Northumberland	1,700	1,400	54	75,600	
Perry	2,100	1,600	53	84,800	
Potter	1,500	1,200	62	74,400	
Schuylkill	4,200	3,800	56	212,700	
Snyder	1,800	1,200	50	60,000	
Somerset	9,000	7,800	68	530,400	
Susquehanna	700	300	51	15,300	
Tioga	2,300	1,600	58	92,800	
Union	900	800	48	38,400	
Venango	1,600	1,400	50	70,000	
Warren	1,200	700	57	39,900	
Washington	2,100	1,700	47	79,900	
Westmoreland	3,100	2,800	54	151,200	
Wyoming	500	400	53	21,200	
York	2,000	1,500	51	76,500	
North Central, Other Counties	600	300	54.7	16,400	
Northeastern, Other Counties	400	300	55	16,500	
Southwestern, Other Counties	700	500	54.4	27,700	
Southeastern, Other Counties	100	-	-	-	
Northwestern	20,500	16,000	53	848,000	
North Central	12,500	8,500	56.8	483,000	
Northeastern	1,600	1,000	53	53,000	
West Central	26,100	24,000	52.6	1,262,000	
Central	30,800	24,500	55	1,348,000	
East Central	12,500	10,500	56	588,000	
Southwestern	16,500	14,000	61	854,000	
South Central	11,000	8,000	51	408,000	
Southeastern	8,500	3,500	58.9	206,000	
Pennsylvania	140,000	110,000	55.0	6,050,000	

¹ Counties not shown separately included in 'Other Counties' for that specific district. The district map and county listing can be found on the inside back cover of this publication. ² Value of production based on preliminary State marketing year average price, released in the July **Agricultural Prices** report published by USDA, NASS.

ANNUAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during 2005 totaled 1,156.7 million pounds, dressed weight basis, down 1 percent from a year ago. Commercial cattle slaughter, at 840,800 head, was down 3.9 percent from last year. Of this number, 826,300 head were slaughtered in federally inspected plants.

Beef production, at 1,026 million pounds live weight, was slightly less than 2004. Average live weight per head was 1,221 pounds, an increase of 42 pounds from last year. Commercial calf slaughter, at 153,100 head, was down 17.7 percent from a year ago. Veal production, at 62.75 million pounds live weight, was down slightly from a year ago. Average live weight per head increased 42 pounds to 410 pounds per calf. Commercial hog slaughter, at 2,841,100 head, was down slightly from last year. Of this number, 2,830,300 head were slaughtered in federally inspected plants. Pork production was 695.6 million pounds live weight, down 0.6 percent from 2004. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head to 245 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 58,600 head, was down 18.3 percent from last year. Of this number, 57,100 head were slaughtered in federally inspected plants. Lamb and mutton production was 5.62 million pounds live weight, down 19.7 percent from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 96 pounds. Federally inspected goat slaughter, at 37,401 head slaughtered for the year of 2005 at 43 plants

across Pennsylvania. There were an estimated 253 commercial slaughter plants in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2006, of which 93 were under federal inspection.

Nationally, red meat production in commercial plants and on farms totaled 45.8 billion pounds in 2005, slightly higher than previous year. Beef production, at 24.8 billion pounds, was slightly higher than previous year. Veal production totaled 165 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year, setting a new record low. Pork production, at 20.7 billion pounds, was slightly higher than previous year, setting a new record high. Lamb and mutton production set a new record low, totaled 191 million pounds, 4 percent below the previous record low set a year ago.

There were 807 slaughtering plants under federal inspection in the U.S. on January 1, 2006, compared with 827 last year. Of these, 658 slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2005 with 13 slaughtering almost 54 percent of the total cattle killed. There were 631 plants that slaughtered hogs, with 13 accounting for slightly over 58 percent of the total. Likewise, 11 of the 227 plants that slaughtered calves accounted for nearly 79 percent of the total and 4 of the 497 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2005 comprised about 67 percent of the total head. Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas accounted for almost 53 percent of the U.S. commercial red meat production in 2005, similar to 2004.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, 2005 YEARLY TOTALS

Specie	Unit	PA	U S
Red Meat Prod	Million pounds	1,156.7	45,710.5
Cattle.....	1,000 Head	840.8	32,387.7
	1,000 Pounds Live	1,026,338	40,688,693
	Average Live Weight	1,221	1,256
Calves	1,000 Head	153.1	734.4
	1,000 Pounds Live	62,753	259,371
	Average Live Weight	410	353
Hogs.....	1,000 Head	2,841.1	103,581.5
	1,000 Pounds Live	695,632	27,827,948
	Average Live Weight	245	269
Sheep & Lambs	1,000 Head	58.6	2,697.8
	1,000 Pounds Live	5,618	373,305
	Average Live Weight	96	138

FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS AND HEAD SLAUGHTERED, 2005

Specie	Unit	PA	U S
Cattle.....	Plants	85	657
	1,000 Head	826.3	31,831.6
Calves	Plants	38	227
	1,000 Head	153.0	717.7
Hogs	Plants	81	630
	1,000 Head	2,830.3	102,518.9
Sheep & Lambs.....	Plants	67	496
	1,000 Head	57.1	2,554.6

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during January 2006 totaled 99.2 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 10 percent from January 2005.

Beef production, at 85.5 million pounds live weight, was up 10 percent from January 2005. Total head slaughtered was 67,900, up 6 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 47 pounds to 1,259 pounds. Veal production was 5.7 million pounds live weight, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Calf slaughter, at 13,400 head, was down 9 percent, and average live weight increased 48 pounds to 424 pounds. Pork production, at 60.8 million pounds live weight, was up 9 percent from a year earlier. Total head slaughtered was 245,600, up 6 percent from January of 2005. Average live weight was 248 pounds, up 6 pounds from January of last year. Lamb and mutton production was 389,000 pounds live weight, down 3 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,000, down 5 percent from January of last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds from January 2005 to 97 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for January totaled 3.89 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, up 7 percent from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in January 2005. Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year.

Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 5 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,281 pounds. Veal production, at 12.5 million pounds, was 6 percent

below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 55,700 head, down 18 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was 39 pounds above last year, at 368 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.92 million head, 5 percent above January 2005. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 273 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.2 million pounds, was up 12 percent from January 2005. Sheep slaughtered totaled 223,700 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 6 pounds from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JAN 2006

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod	Million pounds	99.2	3,890.4
Cattle	1,000 Head	67.9	2,641.7
	1,000 pounds live	85,459	3,385,304
Calves	1,000 Head	13.4	55.7
	1,000 pounds live	5,688	20,463
Hogs	1,000 Head	245.6	8,915.7
	1,000 pounds live	60,823	2,435,864
Sheep & Lambs	1,000 Head	4.0	389
	1,000 pounds live	223.7	32,236



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